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SUBJ: ROMANIAN FEEDGRAIN NEEDS

REFS: A) STATE 264703 B) BUCHAREST 5533 C) STATE 233038

1. IN SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PATAN, AGRICULTURE MINISTER MICULESCU AND OTHER MINAG OFFICIALS, ROMANIANS HAVE ADVISED THAT THEIR FEEDGRAIN SHORTFALL IN THE 1974-5 CROP YEAR WILL BE ABOUT 300-350,000 METRIC TONS AND THEY DEFINITELY WILL PURCHASE MAINLY CORN ON COMMERCIAL MARKET, THOUGH MICULESCU ALSO SHOWED SOME INTEREST IN SORGHUM.

2. DURING CALL DEC 3 ON AGRICULTURE MINISTER MICULESCU, AMBASSADOR REMINDED HIM THAT WE NEED INFORMATION ON ORDERS ALREADY PLACED FOR CORN IF ROMANIA IS TO QUALIFY FOR PURCHASES UNDER THE VOLUNTARY EXPORT APPROVAL SYSTEM. MICULESCU SAID THAT ROMANIAN STATISTICS WERE NOT CLEAR ON WHAT CCC CREDITS HAD ALREADY BEEN USED. HE ASKED US TO OBTAIN A FIGURE FOR ROMANIA'S REMAINING CCC BALANCE AS OF DEC 1 TO HELP THEM ESTIMATE THEIR REQUIREMENTS FOR PURCHASES ON THE MARKET. MICULESCU PROMISED IN RETURN TO SUPPLY THE DATE REQUESTED (HIS STAFF HAS SINCE SUPPLIED  
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3. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE ESTIMATES 350,000 METRIC TONS STILL NEEDED. PATAN AT DECEMBER 4 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR THOUGHT 300,000 TONS MIGHT BE MORE ACCURATE. WITH BOTH MICULESCU AND PATAN, AMBASSADOR STRESSED THAT IF WE WERE TO PROVIDE FOR ESSENTIAL ROMANIAN FEED GRAIN NEEDS UNDER OUR PRIOR APPROVAL EXPORT SYSTEM, WE NEED TO HAVE TIMELY AND ACCURATE INFORMATION REGARDING ROMANIAN PLANS FOR CASH PURCHASES. (STATE 261059.) PATAN SAID HE HOPED TO GIVE US AN ACCURATE FIGURE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. SINCE THIS INFORMATION HAS NOT YET COME WE ARE SENDING OFF THIS PRELIMINARY REPORT TO ALERT WASHINGTON AGENCIES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE CURRENT CCC FEED GRAINS BALANCE.  
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